

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2011
7:15 PM**

Mayor McHale called the meeting to order

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Press Journal*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Zamechansky-present

Council members Manna and Stylianou-absent

Mayor McHale-present

Mayor McHale explained that there are two amendments to the agenda. First and foremost is that the adoption of the budget will take place May 17th. Second, the second reading of Ordinance #1429, amendment of Chapter 75 has been postponed to May 3rd.

Motion to accept agenda as presented with the noted exceptions: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Public Hearing on the Budget Introduced by the Governing Body March 15, 2011

The Borough Auditor, Gary Vinci, was present to present the current state of the budget. The budget the Governing Body votes on must comply with the two CAP laws. Tonight there will be a hearing on the budget introduced in March as well as a hearing on the COLA ordinance, #1428. The budget introduced last month was approximately \$20,000,000; the budget last year was approximately \$19,000,000. Some of the major increases include health insurance, pension, debt service as a result of the two flood control projects, BCUA sewer charges and salary increases. The impact of the budget introduced last month on the average home (\$382,000) is \$228. The hearing on the amendment on the agenda tonight will be May 17th. There are new one-time sources of revenue available that weren't available at budget introduction –monopole lease and FEMA money. Starting in 2011 there will be a new item-Library-on the tax bill.

Motion to open to public on the budget hearing and the budget amendment: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

The Mayor stated that there will also be an opportunity at the May 3rd and the May 17th meetings for public comment.

Motion to adopt Resolution #11-111-2011 Budget Amendment: Councilman Freeman

Second: Councilman Carrick

Councilman Freeman, finance chairman, stated that at the beginning of the budget process we were \$700,000 above the CAP and the increase per average house was \$289. At the time of budget introduction we were \$422,000 above CAP with an increase of \$228 per home. If the budget amendment is adopted we will be approximately \$80,000 below the CAP with an increase of about \$113 per home. Two furlough days were received from the DPW, the employees are at a net zero % increase and negotiations are ongoing with the PBA with the options of giving back clothing allowance, furloughs or possibility of layoffs.

Councilwoman Zamechansky explained that borough departments' O&E were cut at least 10% this year.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1428 Ordinance to Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and Establish Cap Bank Calendar Year 2011

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Freeman

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the March 15, 2011 Executive meeting minutes: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the March 15, 2011 Public meeting minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the March 15, 2011 Closed session minutes: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Caspare-abstained

Motion to approve the April 5, 2011 Executive Session minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Zamechansky-yes

Mayor McHale reiterated that second reading of Ordinance #1429, amendment to Chapter 75, Section 9, Police Promotions will be on the May 3rd agenda. On May 17th there will be a public hearing on the budget amendment, followed by the final adoption of the 2011 budget.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Perkins spoke to Cumberland Farms, the responsible party for the Washington Grant issue. The Borough will bill them in excess of \$53,083.92. That amount will reimburse the Borough for all emergency services responding to the event which lasted approximately two weeks.

Dumont received a bronze certificate and \$500 for our safety program.

There was an issue involving a contractor turning off the fire protection for a building complex. \$18,000 in fines have been issued.

BCUA Mobile on-site shredding program will be offered again.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Freeman

Environmental Commission

At the March 24th meeting, various options for the community garden were discussed

Jt. Land Use Board

At the March 29th meeting, the professionals were approved: Attorney: Marc Leibman; Planning consultant and engineer: Birdsall

There was a continuation of a hearing for 197 New York Avenue

- Councilman Caspare

DPW

Total miles swept in March-334 miles.

Grass pickup is scheduled to begin the first week of April.

- Councilman Carrick

Shade Tree Commission

Arbor Day will be celebrated April 30th at 1PM

Celebrations

Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 30th-the original route will be followed.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Chamber of Commerce

At the meeting last week there was discussion as to ways to increase membership.

Senior Citizens

Forty seniors went on a trip to see Spamalot at NJPAC.

The summer luncheon at Rockleigh is scheduled for May 27th.

The seniors will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

There are approximately fifty seniors daily at the Senior Center.

Police

Councilwoman Zamechansky, Councilman Manna and Captain Faulborn attended a seminar on Local Law Enforcement Strategies at the Police Academy.

The Dispatch Center received a total of 2,284 calls in March. The Patrol Division investigated thirty motor vehicle accidents. Patrol officers issued 535 motor vehicle summonses.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#11-102 Bills List *

#11-103 Approval of DPW Seasonal Employees-\$10.00 per hour *

#11-104 Beryl Horbert-Appoint as Municipal Court Administrator *

#11-105 John McKenna-Appoint as Member of the Ethics Board *

#11-106 Resolution Protesting BCUA Fee Increase for 2011 *

#11-107 Approval of St. Mary's Carnival Amusements Raffle to be held June 6-June 11, 2011;
ID #109-1-471, RL#338 *

#11-108 Approval of St. Mary's On-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held June 6-June 11, 2011;
ID #109-1-471, RL#339 *

#11-109 Approval of St. Mary's Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held June 6-June 11, 2011;
ID #109-1-471, RL#340 *

#11-110 Approval of LOSAP Contribution-\$53,800 *

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda Items: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked about the increase in amount of payment to PSE&G and payment to Viridian on the bills list

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public for general items: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk